

V. REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Joeng (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0016313), Ozaki et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0031658) and further in view of Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

It is respectfully submitted that the present invention is neither disclosed nor suggested in the references.

Furthermore, in the present invention according to claim 4 (as amended above), a base frame and a panel frame are disposed between a transparent plate and a liquid crystal display panel. Therefore a display unit of a liquid crystal display panel being displayed a gaming effect is disposed in a secluded position from a transparent plate. By this, depth feeling is obtained. Besides, a machine front panel is provided in front of the gaming machine arranged with the transparent plate. Therefore depth feeling is obtained between an information display area provided on the machine front panel and the display unit of the liquid crystal display panel.

By giving depth feeling on two position, namely between the transparent plate and the liquid crystal display panel, and between the machine front panel and the liquid crystal display panel, a visual effect is obtained, depth feeling which is not obtained only one position between the transparent plate and the liquid crystal display panel is obtained.

On the other hand in the reference, technical idea for giving depth feeling on the display unit of the liquid crystal display panel is not disclosed.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 4 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 5 and 6 depend from claim 4 and include all of the features of claim 4. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 4 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Claims 1-3 are canceled and, as a result, the rejection as applied thereto is now moot.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

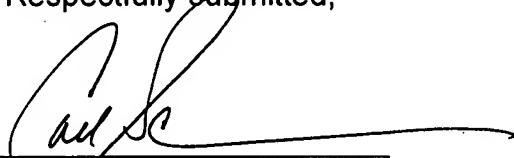
Also, newly-added claims 7-12 also include features not shown in the applied art.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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